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SUBJECT: FRANCE: GOF DELEGATION TO FOURTH GLOBAL FORUM ON  
FIGHTING CORRUPTION, BRASILIA, BRAZIL, JUNE 7-10, 2005

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1. EconOff contacted Virginia Tonniatti, Counselor at the Brazilian Embassy in Paris, regarding the possibility of jointly meeting with GOF officials to encourage strong, Minister-led GOF participation in the Fourth Global Forum on Fighting Corruption. Tonniatti was familiar with the topic of the Global Forum, but needed guidance from Brasilia concerning our proposal (per reftel) for a joint demarche. After seeking such guidance, Tonniatti said that Brasilia still had not responded more than a week later and she declined our offer to do a joint demarche.

2. We proceeded by contacting anti-corruption experts in three GOF ministries. From the Interior Ministry, Pierre Soccoja said that he had just returned from a UN conference on organized crime in Bangkok and he would be attending the Global Forum as an expert speaker identified by the OECD. An expert on public procurement, Soccoja will be speaking in Brasilia on the issues of risk identification and improving disclosure. Soccoja could not say who might form the GOF delegation, but he did informally comment that the timing of the Global Forum was unfortunate. Soccoja noted that the June 7-10 timeframe comes just after an importation national referendum on the EU constitution, which may well result in a GOF reshuffle. Soccoja thought it unlikely that any GOF Minister would commit to attending the Global Forum given the uncertain domestic realities facing the GOF after the May 29 vote.

3. Econoff also shared reftel talking points with anti-corruption official Regis Pelissier of the Finance Ministry. An expert in financial transactions and fraud prevention, Pelissier did not offer any comments on the make-up of the GOF delegation to the Global Forum.

4. Poloff shared reftel demarche with Jean-Louis Bertrand, desk officer for corruption and organized crime in the MFA's Bureau of Strategic, Security and Disarmament Affairs. Bertrand agreed that a high-level presence would be useful, but did not know who would lead the GOF delegation. He said he would convey our points to Ambassador-at-Large for Anti-Corruption and Organized Crime Jean-Pierre Vidon.

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